



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The number of Covid-19 cases in our borough is increasing, as it is just about everywhere in the country.

We are working closely with schools to keep them open and as safe as possible. Your support and compliance have been much appreciated and it is important that we continue to keep to social distancing guidance both inside and outside of the school environment.

After all, we all play a part in slowing the spread of the infection and reducing the risk and impact of Covid-19 within our communities. There are actions we can all take, including:

- Following all the social distancing rules
- Getting a test if you have Covid-19 symptoms
- Self-isolating when told to do so (please note that there is financial support available to eligible people who cannot work as a result)
- Wearing a mask or face-covering wherever required
- Washing our hands regularly and properly
- Minimising household mixing

That last point is very important, and we must consider the additional risks when mixing with multiple households. **The fewer people we meet, the less chance there is of the virus spreading.** Please bear this in mind, especially over half term and in the run up to Christmas.

Covid-19 has hit every part of our community, but it will not defeat us -- we are in it together. Rest assured that we, together with your child's school, are acting in the best interests of your child and family. The safety and wellbeing of our Wokingham learners will always be a priority and we owe it to our friends, family and neighbours to follow all the rules, all the time.

We are grateful for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

John Halsall
Wokingham Borough Council Leader